

presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network;

an inquiry circuit adapted for making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer connected to the network if said determination circuit determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

a receiver adapted for receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information is sent in response to the inquiry.

46. The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determination circuit determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

47. The apparatus according to claim 45, further comprising a display circuit adapted for displaying on a display a message indicating that the printer language supported by the printer is unidentifiable if said receiver does not receive information about the printer language supported by the printer.

48. An information processing method comprising the steps of:

determining a presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network;

making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the printer connected to the network if said determining step determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information is sent in response to the inquiry.

49. The method according to claim 48, wherein said determining step determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

50. The method according to claim 48, further comprising the step for displaying on a display a message indicating that the printer language supported by the printer is unidentifiable if said receiving step does not receive the information about the printer language supported by the printer.

51. A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program for implementing an information processing method, the program comprising:

code for determining a presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network;

code for making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the printer connected to the network if said code for determining determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

code for receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information is sent in response to the inquiry.

52. The medium according to claim 51, wherein said code for determining determines the presence or the absence of the printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

53. The medium according to claim 51, wherein the program further comprises code for displaying on a display a message indicating that the printer language supported by the printer is unidentifiable if said code for receiving does not receive the information about the printer language supported by the printer.--

REMARKS

The present application is a division of copending Application No. 08/782,817, filed on January 13, 1997. Claim 1 has been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the